

Amendments to the specification

Amendments to the specification are reflected in the paragraphs shown below.

On page 7 of the specification, please replace the first full paragraph (that starts with “With” and ends with “...slit 18, and”) with the following paragraph:

With reference to FIG. 2A, the thickness "a" of central panel 12 of vent disc 10 should range from about 0.030 inches to about 0.100 inches, with a more preferred range of about 0.050 to about 0.060 inches. In a most preferred embodiment, the thickness of central panel 12 is about 0.055 inches. Depressions 20 most preferably are about 0.025 inches deep or thick. Therefore, the thickness "b" of the remainder or residual 24 of central panel 12 of vent disc 10 above depression 20 most preferably is about 0.030 inches. [[.]] Residual 24 is preferably about 0.010 inches to about 0.090 inches thick, more preferably about 0.025 inches to about 0.035 inches thick. Preferably, the arcuate inner portions of depressions 20 are formed by a radius of curvature R of 0.030 inches, and their side walls 22 are disposed at an angle "c" of 60°. Depressions 20 can be, among other shapes, conical or cylindrical, and they can have a flat top portion. After residual 24 is pierced to provide slit 18, and

On page 10, replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

FIGS. 3C through 3E show an alternative embodiment of a cutting

blade of a piercing element, ~~30~~ referred to in these Figures as 30'. More particularly, these Figures show a cylindrical blade 34' having angled surfaces 36' that form cutting or piercing edge 38'. The angled surface 36' is preferably arcuate.